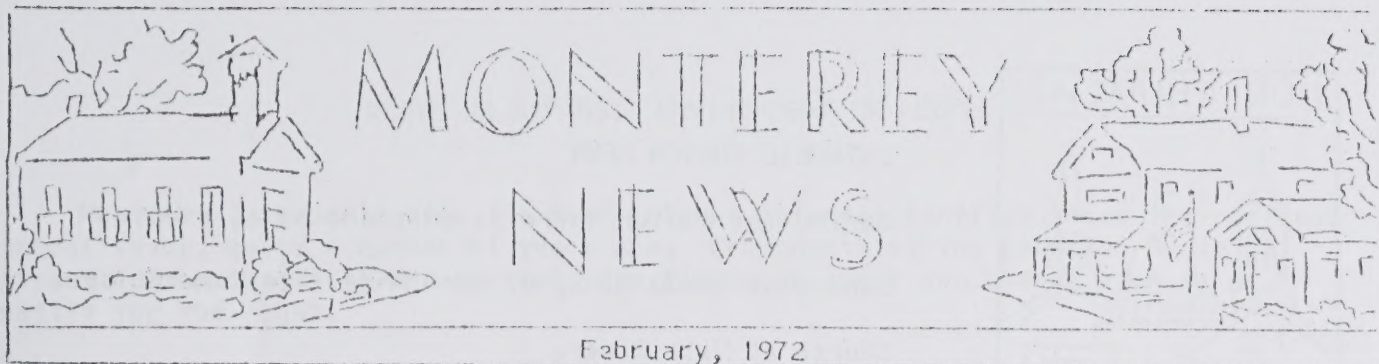


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OUR TOWN

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

The Annual Town Meeting will be held in the Monterey United Church of Christ social room on Saturday, February 19, at 10 a.m. As the warrant presenting all articles to be acted upon is mailed to all registered voters of the Town, the MONTEREY NEWS here presents only a summary of these articles, in the order in which they will be presented.

There will be voting by official ballot for the usual slate of officers, including one new Selectman for three years to replace Robert Gauthier, who is retiring. Running for this office are Richard Tryon (D) and Henry Wolfer (R).

Two questions to be voted on: 1) whether the Town shall grant a license for playing the game of "Beanò"; 2) whether the Town should increase the 50% premium for contributory Group Life and Health Insurance to its employees and their dependents. (A yes vote would give the road workers a "fringe benefit" of an additional 25% payment of the cost of Blue Cross-Blue Shield, instead of an hourly pay increase.)

The 1971 Budget and Proposed Budget for 1972 will be presented.

The following articles are the usual ones relating to reports, appropriations and transfers for certain Town expenses and unpaid bills for 1971. (The majority of the latter relate to transportation and tuition for vocational education.)

There will be a proposal to establish a Youth Center Building Committee of five members to be appointed by the Selectmen one of whom shall be a member of the Selectmen and one a member of the Park Commission. And to determine whether this committee will be authorized to construct a building to be owned by the Town and operated by the Selectmen or Park Commission primarily for the use of the youth of Monterey. There will be discussion regarding the proposed site of the building on Town land adjacent to Greene Park, and there will be a vote on raising or appropriating \$2,000 for site preparation and roadway construction. An important provision of this article is that no money is to be spent for the site until sufficient money has been raised by the youth of Monterey for the construction of the building.

The next article deals with the proposed transfer of \$500 from State Aid to Public Libraries Fund, to the Library appropriation account.

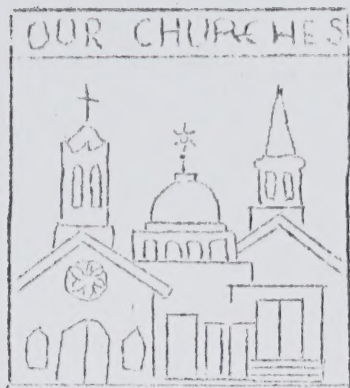
The Town will then be asked to vote on two expenditures for the Lake Garfield Dam: 1) approximately \$9,000 for land already acquired, and approximately \$35,000 "to meet the Town's share of the cost of construction of the Dam at Lake Garfield" \$20,000 would be transferred from the Stabilization Fund (2/3 vote needed) and \$15,000 raised by taxation. These figures are rounded off. Exact amounts will be presented at the Meeting. (The Town has two years to pay off its share of the debt but will save interest cost by avoiding delay.)

After an article regarding granting six paid National Holidays to town employees, there follows a series of routine articles dealing with authorization for borrowing money, appropriations and appointments.

A vote will be taken on the publication of a booklet by the Board of Assessors "listing real estate owners with respective areas, improvements and assessed valuations" to sell for \$2.00 which would return to the General Treasury. (The Finance Committee does not recommend this.)

The final articles deal with voting to raise and appropriate \$200 for office equipment. (Please come in and see the "new" town office!) Also to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 or any other sum to construct a town storage shed and toilet facilities. (The toilet facilities—we are embarrassed to point out that this replaces an outdated "outhouse." The storage shed is to protect and provide cover for our road equipment.) To see also if the Town will vote the sum of \$1,000 for expenses pertaining to the 125th Anniversary of the Town. (Our 125th Anniversary April 12th—possibly to be celebrated during Laurel Festival?)

Other business will be transacted as necessary.



CATHOLIC CHURCH NEWS

During the winter there is only one Mass, every Sunday at 10:00 a.m., at the Immaculate Conception Church at Mill River.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Notes Morning worship every Sunday at 10:30. Sermons on Ephesians continuing until Lent. . . . Installation of newly elected church officers on February 13. . . . Laura Lowy received into membership by baptism on January 2.

Organ Repair In the first week in January work on renovating the organ was begun by Richard M. Geddes Pipe Organs. It is expected to take until nearly Easter to complete the project. Letters soliciting funds have been sent to members and friends of the church. Responses are beginning to come in. The Ladies Aid is contributing \$500.

Educational Program A school for communicating the faith to elementary age children has been running each Sunday and attendance and interest are gaining momentum. It meets each Sunday at 9:15 a.m. An additional class is being organized this month.

Social Room Renovation The Trustees have announced that the social room is in the process of being repaired and painted. There is promise of some bright new colors. Be looking!

PHILERGIANS

The Philergians -- who welcome all women -- met January 27 at 8 p.m. at the apartment of Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Janes. Margery Janes and Lucy Smith were hostesses. It was decided to give \$100 for the church organ repair.

A special guest was Mrs. Bradford Durfee, of the Egremont Inn, a playwright and poet, who writes under the name of Dorothy Worthington Butts. She, Patricia Howard, and Margery Mansfield (Mrs. Kelly Janes) read from their own poems. Miss Mansfield plunged into the problems of the later years, in her "Crossing the Seventies", then added some lyrics. Miss Butts read some finely perceptive nature poems, and Mrs. Howard concluded the reading with a touch of humor, a translation from Heine, and other poems, including one inspired by a passage from Thomas Wolfe in which he foresaw his early death.

Mrs. Durfee praised the poetry of the late Elinor Wylie and suggested that an evening be devoted to her. She was asked to give the program. She consented and suggested her Inn as the place. The time has not yet been set.

The next meeting will be Thursday, March 23, 8:00 p.m., at the home of Marie Brallier. It will be a "Show and Tell" session. Everyone is to bring something she made, or can perform, then tell something of interest in connection with it.

The Philergians were organized while the Reverend Daggett was pastor, due to the recognition that the church included women who were not free in the afternoons and had talents other than sewing. So they meet in the evening and have varied programs. The name comes from two Greek words meaning "love" and "work" and the group endeavors to be of service by sponsoring various events -- auctions, the Dyer-Bennet Concerts, etc. -- which serve the dual goal of raising money for good purposes and providing a community event. Come on March 23, bringing your whatever-it-is to show and tell about.

Be a Philergian!

ROUTE 23 BYPASS: ENVIRONMENT OR PEOPLE

Monterey is experiencing its most intense internal conflict since the regional school issue, quite a number of years ago. Proponents of the proposed Route 23 bypass and opponents of the new road are lining up their own sides, each to do battle for the right.

Those favoring the bypass express their concern for the safety of persons, pointing out the dangers of current speeds on the old, narrow, winding, highway. Those opposing the bypass do it on the grounds that it would unnecessarily despoil the environment of Monterey. No doubt there are other less talked about issues. Many of these are more personal and often more self-serving. Obviously they are more difficult to deal with as openly. The principal arguments used by both sides put the debate on a highly moral plane. At first glance this would appear to be most commendable. It would seem to indicate that all parties are putting aside selfish considerations and dealing with this issue only on moral principle.

Actually, we would be likely to have a much less emotional discussion if we were able to deal with the bypass issue and the ways in which it affects us personally more honestly and directly. When only moral principles are at stake I am reminded, alas, that within the tradition in which I stand, religious wars are the bloodiest and bitterest of all man's conflicts. When men in conflict feel they have God and all the hosts of righteousness on their side, they lose all ability to have compassion on their opponents. This may seem a strange development, yet any careful reading of history will bear out its truth.

There is some evidence that by putting the bypass issue on such a "high" plane here in Monterey we are in danger of treating our opponents as if they were on the side of darkness, while we are the apostles of light. How much easier it is, then, to disrespect, disparage and malign them.

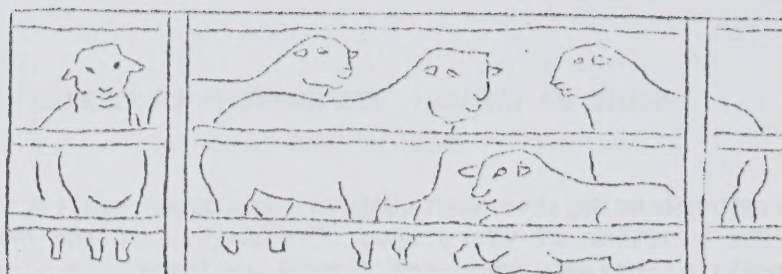
It is with a certain amount of pain that I remember, as a teenager, how another fellow and I both sought the affection of a certain girl. To my chagrin, the other fellow got most of her attention. I got what comfort I could by indulging in moral indignation that secretly predicted the ruin that was going to come upon the girl. Of course, no such thing happened. The truth of the matter was that she just liked him better than me.

When it comes to the Route 23 bypass, it seems clear there is going to be no middle ground. When it is all over, we are either going to have the bypass or we are not. We will find that Monterey will not be monumentally better or worse, whichever way it is settled.

What is of importance is that we continue to respect each other in our time of sharp disagreement. We are likely to find that we have few real villains in Monterey—just human persons who find themselves honestly seeing things differently. So if you have found a position that seems right to you, campaign for it, encourage others to join you, but even while you do so, don't get it in your head that your neighbor who opposes you is motivated by the forces of evil.

As for myself, I have chosen a position. I have some pretty strong notions about both the human and environmental issues in our community. Right now I would hate to see us lose that capacity for trust and confidence upon which community life must be based. On the Route 23 bypass issue, I choose "active neutrality". This does not mean standing passively outside the arena where political decisions are made, but rather being active in the midst of the whole people of our town, sharing in the agonies and joys of our life together. With the bypass or without, we will continue as neighbors. Let us keep the quality of our neighboring high!

Virgil V. Brallier, Minister
Monterey United Church of Christ



GOULD FARM NEWS

NEW YORK REUNION

For a number of years there was a practice of holding, in various cities, meetings of the "Friends of Gould Farm." Until Saturday, January 29th, the last one held in New York City had been in 1963. On the 29th, however, about 125 people came to a meeting at the Community Church on 35th Street near Park Avenue. Most of those attending had visited the Farm for short or long stays at one time or another during the last 25 years; but there were also relatives and friends and a number of newcomers interested in the work of the Farm.

Colored slides made from photographs by Don Genshelmer were shown, with a running commentary by the Reverend Hampton Price, executive director. The church room was very attractive, and the tables were well decorated and provided with an apparently inexhaustible supply of food and hot drinks. Everyone seemed to have a thoroughly good time.

Non-resident members of the Board of Directors who attended were Dr. James Bell from the Berkshire Farm for Boys, Canaan, N.Y.; Reverend Dr. Frederick Morris, Rector of St. Thomas' Church, New York, and H.B. Pearl of New York and Monterey. Gould Farmers present were Edward and Gladys Dunlop, Ethel Gramercy, Steve Morse, Wadsworth Mullen, Rose McKee and Hampton and Ruth Price. The Farm hopes to hold similar meetings more frequently than in recent years in New York, Boston, and possibly other places.

LECTURE ON SCHIZOPHRENIA

On Saturday, February 5th, Dr. Humphry Osmond, Director of the Bureau of Research for Neurology and Psychiatry of the New Jersey Neuro-Psychiatric Institute in Princeton visited Gould Farm. He was accompanied by his research assistant, Mrs. Siegler. The public, as well as Farm staff and guests, were invited to attend a lecture by Dr. Osmond on the topic "Schizophrenics' Worlds and Their Consequences for Treatment and Rehabilitation". Dr. Osmond encouraged the interruption of his talk by questions from the floor.

Rose McKee

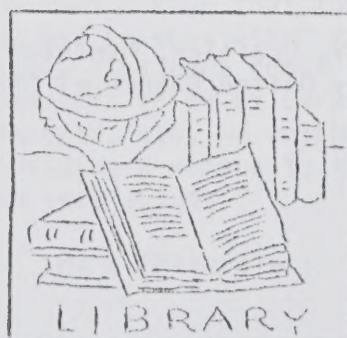
SAPPING TIME

When the nights are cold and nippy
And the sun shines warm all day,
Just before the robin redbreast
Heralds springtime on its way,
Then we take our bits and bit-stocks
To the maples tall and stout,
Where we bore, then hang the buckets
As the sap drips from the spout.

Those good old towering maples
That have for generations stood,
Filling bucket after bucket,
Yield a treat that's mighty good!
When the maple sap is boiling
Its aroma rises sweet.
There's a joy in sapping season
That you'll find is hard to beat.

Eleanor Kimberley

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Sarton, May	--	<u>The Bridge of Years</u>
Gilbert, Edwin	--	<u>Newport</u>
Thompson, Oscar	--	<u>The International Encyclopedia of Music and Musicians</u>

NEW MARLBORO-MONTEREY PTA

On January 27 the New Marlboro-Monterey PTA sponsored an evening with Dr. Neil Sullivan, the Commissioner of Education of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The Commissioner's talk was most pertinent in these times of change in education. He discussed the myths of a short school year, lock-step grade placement, the value of I.Q. tests and other accepted ideas in the education world. He stressed the need for community schools, with the community as a whole very involved in education and the pupils very involved in the community. Dr. Sullivan, his assistant, Mr. Cronin, and his aide, Mr. Crowley stayed for the coffee hour immediately after his speech and discussed our educational needs with individual members of the audience.

Our PTA has been having a very active and fruitful year. Two members from Monterey serve on the Open Campus Committee, and we thank Mr. John Ryder and Mrs. Marilyn Stevens for the time they gave to this project. Our Education Committee has been working with the staff of the New Marlboro School and Sheffield School in revising the report cards for grades 1-4. The members of that committee include Mrs. Thomas Andrus, Mrs. Thomas Bradley, Mrs. Claudette Callahan, Mr. Wayne Eline, Mrs. William Fennell and Mrs. Henry Makuc.

There will be no formal meeting of the PTA in February or March, but a date will be announced soon for a meeting of the school committee at New Marlboro Center School. Refreshments will be served by the PTA that evening.

Our field trip committee has been formed to raise funds and arrange a trip for the fourth grade pupils. The chairman is Mrs. Paul Thorn. Other members of that committee are Mrs. Harold Lemmerman, Mrs. Henry Makuc, Mrs. John Ryder and Mrs. Joan Wilcox.

Mildred H. Fennell, President
New Marlboro-Monterey PTA

MONTEREY EXTENSION GROUP

The Monterey Extension Group has started up their meetings again in the library basement. Meetings are held every Tuesday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. For the time being they are being devoted to knitting--advance and beginner. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

Lois Ryder



GIRL SCOUTS

The girl scouts have been having their cookie sale. Dates: Jan. 29 to Feb. 14. Contact any girl scout or call Mary Thorn if interested. Delivery will be during the first week in April.

Mary Thorn

JUNIOR HI YOUTH

This group sponsored a splash party at the Pittsfield Boys Club on January 30. A group of 25, grades 5-8 attended.

Plans are being made for presenting a feature-length film to which the community will be invited.

Virgil V. Brallier

CUB SCOUTS

Den 1 and Den 2 marched in front of the people at Hill River School Friday, January 28. They sang "God Bless America."

Awards presented were: Bobcat: Richard Andrus, Michael MacDonald; Bear: Kenny Heath; Silver Arrows (2 each): Kenny Heath, Mark Makuc. Service Pins: (3 yrs.) Remo Pizzichemi; (2 yrs.) Danny Andrus. Remo Pizzichemi got the Webelos' Forest, Artist and Naturalist badges.

This month's theme was "Feats of Skill". Chucky Wyman won the hammer throw. John Broggi won the Indian leg wrestling and Darrell Lemmerman the Indian arm wrestling. Den 2 won the relay race. The Webelos did body wrestling. Remo Pizzichemi played "Taps" at the closing of the ceremony.

Shawn Ryder

MONTEREY YOUTH GROUP

Plans are moving ahead to present the Youth Center project to the Town Meeting. If approved, the youth center is slated to be built near the ball field. The young people plan to raise the money for it by donations from the residents and fund-raising projects. The building will be constructed in the manner of an old-fashioned barn raising, with volunteer help from the young people and interested adults. It will be under the ownership of the Town and supervision of the Park Commission.

Plans are also being made to spend four days in Stowe, Vermont on a ski trip February 22-25. Peter Amidon, Lee Price and Nancy Bollinger will chaperone.

Cris Criswell

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